

SB 153

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AN ACT REVISING PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAWS

This is a general revision bill, removing outdated references, addressing audit citations, and responding to issues from various licensing boards and programs of the Department.

The bill:

- Affects the 40 licensing boards and programs administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industry.
- Creates an emeritus status for architects
- Creates a retirement license for plumbers
- Revises the Board of Realty Regulation
- Revises and renames the Board of Private Security
- Amends and clarifies the definition of license
- Allows boards to require state, regional or national certification for license renewal
- Expands definition of unprofessional conduct for licensing programs
- Adds elevator contractors, mechanics and inspectors to those covered by unprofessional conduct
- Revises the name of ambulatory surgical facilities
- Adds naturopathic physician, physician assistant, and optometrist to definitions relating to nursing
- Removes the oath requirement on nursing applications
- Removes age requirement and high school diploma for optometrists
- Clarifies the Department designs forms for the Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
- Clarifies trainee license terminates for hearing aid dispenser if examination is failed
- Changes the term "certificate of registration" to "license" for Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Removes redundant rulemaking authority for the Board of Alternative Health Care Practitioners in regards to military licensees
- Allows direct application and payment to the naturopathic testing agency
- Clarifies that respiratory care practitioners students may not receive compensation
- Revises fee distribution between the department and the department of fish wildlife and parks
- Clarifies conditions for denying, suspending or revoking an outfitter's, guide's or professional guide's license
- Requires the department to publish a pamphlet of Outfitter names and addresses
- Provides penalties for noncompliance by real estate brokers or property managers with trust account provisions
- Creates endorsement provisions for a supervising real estate broker
- Creates a temporary license for elevator inspectors